



Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

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Director
Office of Child Care
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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Ysleta del Sur Pueblo plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- Increase hours of operation for families requiring longer care
- Hire staff to monitor Cohort I (child study from infancy to college)
- Hire one full time and one part-time staff member to reduce ratios
- Provide ongoing enhanced staff development to ensure all staff meets the state requirement of 24 hours and 40 hours for directors

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- Distribute a ("Family Car Care Kit) to assist with drop off sanitizing (Hand sanitizer, wipes, Kleenex, First Aid kit, Thermometer)
- Zoom account for families including:
 - Storytellers from the Pueblo or local author
 - Cooking demonstrations (Provide families with items to use while watching)
 - Meet with a Virtual Counselor (Financial, Mental Health, Marital, Education)
- Distribute Kidz Cleaning Supply Kits to families and other providers in the area
- Purchase PPE for ELC (gloves, Clorox wipes, masks, hand sanitizer, paper goods, antibacterial soap)

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- Provide ongoing enhanced staff development to ensure all staff meets the state requirement of 24 hours and 40 hours for directors
- Implement Wellness Days for staff to participate in fitness and weight loss programs

- Build in quarterly Retention Bonuses and Attendance Incentives for staff who report to work consistently

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- Distribute Kidz Cleaning Supply Kits to families and other providers in the area
- Monthly June, July August “Summer Slump Kidz Kit” Materials needed to keep children engaged during the summer months.
- Purchase PPE for providers (gloves, Clorox wipes, masks, hand sanitizer, paper goods, antibacterial soap)

5. Other

- Develop a Cohort I : Children are tracked during pre- and post- pandemic from infancy through graduation (college readiness plan, collect assessment data, health and wellness checks, family support/ social services) to monitor effects on development and achievement.
- Monthly June, July August “Summer Slump Kidz Kit” Materials needed to keep children engaged during the summer months.

Renovation

- Redesign the previous PK room into a Nursery to accommodate more infants with social distancing and room for population growth:
 1. Redesign sink area to include changing tables (2)
 2. Install carpet and soft tile play mats for crawlers
 3. Replace broken blinds for security
 4. Purchase additional (5) cribs for growing population

The Ysleta del Sur Pueblo will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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